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In re Patent Application of

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MANUFACTURING THE GUIDE

WIRE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 14, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory response period and for which two additional months in which to respond have been petitioned, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page two of this paper.

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Remarks begin on page ten of this paper.